

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Peter G. O Sullivan
Group Art Unit : 1621
Application No. : 10/614432
Confirmation No. : 2579
Applicants : Roger D. Tung, et al.
Filed : July 7, 2003
For : INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES, PARTICULARLY HCV
NS3 PROTEASE

June 9, 2010
Cambridge, Massachusetts

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the December 9, 2009 Office Action in the above-identified application. A three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Reply. With the extension of time the response is due on or before June 9, 2010, and as a result the response is timely filed. In lieu of a Reply a Continuation Application is being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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